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CHRISTIAN WARRIOR
PROPERLY ARMED:
OR,
The Deist Unmask'd.
BEING
A Faithful DEFENCE of the
Holy Trinity.

For the USE of all CHRISTIAN FAMILIES.

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in Verse; *Melodia Sacra*, &c. &c.

He that appeareth first seemeth Right; but when his Neighbour cometh, behold, he trieth him. Prov. xviii. 17.

Search the Scriptures: For therein is eternal Life. John v. xxxix. Acts xvii. 11.

*When Preachers do forsake the Church,
And leave the Faithful in the Lurch;
Deistic Schemes we should prevent,
Left being silent, gives Consent.
The SOLDIER who deserts his Shield,
Will surely perish in the Field.*

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Is double worth its Weight in Gold."*

M DCC LXXVI.

The AUTHOR to G O D, and his
READERS, &c.

A SSIST me LORD, with Pow'r divine,
In Victory all Glory's THINE :
Direct my Heart, and Pen to tell
The Glories of EMANUEL, &c.

OF Christian Parents I was born,
Deistic Tenets both did scorn :
To CHURCH of England well ally'd,
And so continu'd 'till they dy'd.

Dunchurch in
Warwickshire
(1700.)

I baptiz'd was on the eighth Day
After my Birth, which was their Way :
I then CHRIST's Soldier did commence,
And have remain'd so ever since.

In my Bap-
tism.

My Parents were, at first, my Guide,
When I was prone to turn aside :
CHRIST, the great CAPTAIN of my Soul,
My youthful Follies did controul.

Prov. iv. 3.

Or Bishop.

My Sponsors having me forsook,
Their Promise on myself I took :
Confirm'd in CHRIST, I soon did raise
Soldiers, to Join in Songs of Praise.

By the Bishop.
Christ is the
New Song.
Psal. ix.

Since GOD now gives me Pow'r and Might,
No FOE shall e'er my Soul affright :
Where e'er the greatest Dangers be,
More Honour's in the Victory.

Psal. xxvii. 1.

Successful, I've gain'd Volunteers,
And taught GOD's Praises sixty Years :
Wherby they daily Praises sing,
GLORY to GOD, and CHRIST, our KING, &c.

Psalmody in
Churches.
Psal. li. 14.
Rev. iv. 8, 10.

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T H E

CHRISTIAN WARRIOR,

PROPERLY ARMED, &c.

A Christian Warrior's warlike Dress,
Should shew CHRIST'S CHURCHES' Holiness:
A shining Vesture, Crimson bright,
For Innocence, a Lining White.

Christ's Divinity.
Cant. iv. 7.
xv. 16. v. 3.
10, 13, 14, 15.
xvi. 5, 12.

Three Colours should his Head adorn,
His Helmet Front, in Triad Form:
White, Purple, Green, his Diadem,
Platted in Trines; i' th Front a Gem.

Cant. x. 11.
i. 16.

A Croset Seal fix'd on his Breast,
A Three-edg'd Sword, all keenly drest:
These Emblems of the TRINITY,
Will make all wicked Dæmons flee.

Cant. iii. 8.
Psal. xxvii.
Eph. vi. 11.

WHOE'ER would stand the Christian Fight,
And claim SALVATION as their Right:
CHRIST's glitt'ring Armour they must wear,
At which will Devils quake for Fear.

Eph. vi. 11.
Psal. xxxv.

The Spirit's Sword bind on thy Thigh,
Fast girded with God's Name, most high;
His Name, and Word shall be thy Shield,
To drive the Wicked from the Field.

Cant. iv. 4.

Thy Christian Arms then strive to hold,
With heav'nly Courage, stout and bold:
SALVATION's Buckler to thee take,
And RIGHTEOUSNESS thy Breast-plate make.

Josh. i. 7, 9.
Eph. vi. 14, 17.

If Men, or Devils thee assail,
Let JUSTICE be thy Coat-of-mail:
And let thy Loins, (brave valiant Youth!)
Be ever girt about with TRUTH.

Eph. vi. 17.

A 2 3 When

When thus, thou'rt fortify'd thy Heart,
And hast but Love's Almighty Dart ;
With God, o'er Man thou shalt prevail,
To triumph thou shalt never fail.

John xv. 17.

Do not thyself with *Fears* acquaint,
Nor tamely in *CHRIST's Battle* faint :
By no means from thy *Colours* fly,
Since thy *COMMANDER* is so nigh.

John. i. 7, 9.
Eph. i.

To no vile *Deist* do thou yield,
But still hold fast thy aiding *Shield* ;
By no means from thy *Colours* fly,
Since *CHRIST* Himself is always nigh.

Eph. vi. 13.

God's Name and *Word* shall be thy *Sword*,
They always *Vie*ry will afford :
Fresh Palms shall always thee attend,
And *Graces* from *Above* descend.

Eph. vi. 18.

Then shalt thou hold the glorious *Fight*,
Since thou canst say, *God is my Right* :
Thou know'st thy Foe is not asleep,
Thy *military Vow* sure keep.

Baptismal vow

By no means, do not wander out,
Nor from thy *Armour* gad about :
Desert not *CHRIST*, but with *Him* stay,
To His great Name sing *praise*, and *pray*.

Not to have
itching ears,
led with every
wind of doc-
trine, &c.
Matt.xxiv.23.

Learn *Discipline* of *Him*, thy *LORD*,
Obey His Great *COMMAND*, and *WORD* :
And learn from *Deists* to retire,
And His sweet *GRACE* will thee inspire.

Make *Haste*, and throw no Time away,
Let nothing slip, work while 'tis Day :
And thou shalt *Armies* put to flight,
For, Darkness can't withstand the Light.

Psal. lxviii. 2.

When

When God conducts, with GRACE comply,^{Eph. vi. 18.}
Devils will fear, and from you fly :
CHRIST in thy Soul shall ever live,
So to His Name All Glory give.

By *CHRIST* will all supported stand,^{Isaiah i.}
The Pow'r of All are in his Hand :
Upon His NAME all Men should call,
For why ? He is their All in All.

No Name below the *Heav'ns*; but His,<sup>Acts iv. 12.
John ii. 1.</sup>
Can guide us to eternal Bliss :
He is our *Advocate Above*,
Whereby we gain the FATHER's Love, &c.

A Short Review of the *Blessed* and Undivided TRINITY, before, and at the CREATION, &c.

BEFORE the World was made or wrought,
Or Things to full Perfection brought,
God said, now let *Us* form a *Man*
Like to *Ourselves* :---so We began.
His SPIRIT did on the Waters move,
Over the Firmament, Above.

Gen. i. 26.

By *Us*, and *OUR*, we plainly see,
The GODHEAD then must *plural* be:
Who could be there, but *CHRIST*, the Son,
And Holy SPIRIT ?---All *Three* in *ONE*.

Gen. xxxviii.

ADAM They plac'd in PARADISE,
Exempt from Sin, or staining Vice :
Not willing he should be alone,
They took a *Woman* from his *Bone*.

In a middle
station, be-
tween angels
and earth.
Gen. ii. 21.

There

There, in a State of *Happiness*,
In *Peace* they did each other bless:
Free from desire of *Cupiscence*,
They wore the Robes of *Innocence*.

Between An-
gels and Earth.

Now, *Rebel Angels* having fell
From God, t' th' deep Abyss of Hell:
In ev'ry Shape they could deceive,
They, in a *Serpent*, tempted *Eve*.

She tempting *Adam*, both partake
Of one Transgression, and forsake
Their *Innocence*; they both transgress,
And lost, all future *Happiness*.

Gen. iii. 1.

From thence derived cursed *Cain*,
By whom was *Abel* quickly slain:
From *Three* did *Sin* and *Death* derive,
From *THREE*, in *CHRIST*, we're made Alive.

Gen. iv. 1, 8.
Son of Perdi-
tion.

God seeing what had then befel,
To save mankind from *Death*, and *Hell*,
He sent His well-beloved SON,
Conceived in the *Virgin's Womb*.

Christ sent
down.
John i. 14.

CHRIST did our *Nature* on Him take,
And suffer'd *Death* our *Peace* to make:
What the *First Adam* did transgres,
The *Second* heal'd, thro' *Righteousness*.

As by *CHRIST*'s Blood all are redeem'd,
His Sacred Name must be esteem'd
Equal with God, else we'd been lost;
Praise FATHER, Son, and HOLY GHOST.

Luke i. 31, 32.

CHRIST from the *Grave* on the third Day
Arose, to put our *Sins* away:
Thence into *Hear'n* He did ascend,
Where *Joys* and *Pleasures* have no end.

There

There seated on the LORD's right Hand,
Where Thousands do around Him stand:
His Holy Spirit He soon sent down,
To raise us to the like Renown, &c.

Holy Spirit
sent down.
Eph. i. 3.

HENCE, at the First GOD was the WORD,
In Trinity to be ador'd:
In HEAV'N Three Persons RECORD bear,
The FATHER, SON, and SPIRIT, there.

And tho' each Person's nam'd alone,
In Essence, all are but as ONE:
One is not greater than the other,
But All co-equal, one to t'other.

VILE Deists would the THREE divide,
And set the SON and SPIRIT aside:
Weak Minds so led, are left in THRALL,
'Till they believe no GOD at all.

One Spark may burn a City great,
And leave its Ruins in the Street:
Hence Christian Soldiers should combine,
And drive such Foes, of ill Design.

Such as the Prophet's Truth despise,
Would not believe, should one arise:
All sacred Truths they would deride,
Ev'n CHRIST Himself they'd set aside.

Such as one Sacred Truth controul,
Do they not disbelieve the Whole?
Hence, he who sets the smallest by,
Declares the whole to be a Lie.

When servile Lovers love for Fear,
They seldom true Affection bear:
But, if they fear thro' filial Love,
Then great is their Reward Above.

HAD

HAD Kempis liv'd in these our Days,
And spoke his godly *Scripture Pbase*,
Half of the World would him deride,
And set his *Presence* quite aside.

Thomas, Au-
thor of the
Christian Pat-
tern.

The World is now so wicked grown,
Religious Men they scorn to own :
They'll brand them with some horrid *Shame*,
If they but quote a *Scripture Name*.

LORD ! how will vile *Apostates* fare,
Who preached *CHRIST* for many a Year ?
Small Fear of God's before their Eyes
Who do the *Holy Ghost* despise.

Church De-
farters.
False Teachers
Cant. v. 7.

Oh ! how *profidious* must they be,
Who think of once deserting *THEE* ?
Where can they go ? where shall they run ?
How can they God's All-presence shun ?

Psal. cxxxix.

Fly they to *HEAV'N*, they've There no Share,
If down to *Hell*, Vengeance is there !
They strive in vain, Wrath to forsake,
For, *JUSTICE* will them overtake.

Per. 1.
Per. 2.

'Tis all in vain for Man to fly
From God's All-seeing piercing Eye :
A shelt'ring Place they ne'er can find,
All pow'rful Vengeance lies behind.

Psal. cxxxix.
Psal. xciv.
Per. 1, 4, 9, 10.

Great *Officers* who're bought with great Price
Should ne'er desert, thro' Cowardice :
Nor leave the *Less*, of mean Degree,
To struggle thro' the *Victory*.

DAVID, *CHRIST*'s Soldier of great Might,
His Enemies soon put to Flight :
Their *Idol Bands* he made to flee,
To usher in *CHRISTIANITY*.

Vid Josephus's
Antiq.

He was a PRINCE of *Faith*, and *Spirit*,
And well rewarded those of *Merit*:
So CHRIST, His SON, will us regard,
And give His *Soldiers* just Reward.

CHRIST is the CAPTAIN of our Soul,
Who dares his mighty Pow'r controul?
And such as DAVID do despise,
Are neither Innocent nor Wise.

SAINT Ambrose gives a noble Scroll,
Prophets and Martyrs in his Roll:
Brave Christian Soldiers to their Lord,
Whose Names will ever bear Record.

Our SAVIOUR shews the blest Reward,
For such as Godliness regard.
Also the Care that CHRIST will take
Of such as suffer'd for His Sake.

Our CHURCH enjoins us, ev'ry Day,
To CHRIST's great Name to praise, and pray:
As He's the SON of Righteousness,
We glory in His Holiness.

SOME *Dafts* vainly do contend
That CHRIST was not the *Martyr's Friend*;
To suffer them to bear such Pains,
And rid them not from Fiery Chains.

Saints (like their MASTER) bow'd to Fate,
Knowing He could their Pains abate:
His Promise They did well regard,
In HEAV'N expecting their Reward.

They worship'd GOD, in Persons Three,
And all believ'd the TRINITY:
Hence, if we call on GOD alone,
We worship all the Three in One.

Such as the GODHEAD do divide,
And set the SON, and SPIRIT aside :
To call one GOD the LORD of Host,
Offends the SON, and HOLY GHOST.

Read John viii.
46.

LEARNING a precious Jewel is !
To such as use it not amiss :
But, Labour we in vain bestow,
Unless we practice what we know.

Prov. viii. 10,
11, 12. xvi. 21.
Psal. cxi. 3.

Better had *Arians* never known
The Name of GOD, or else been thrown
Into the Sea, as soon as born,
Than hold the GODHEAD thus in Scorn.

Matt. xv. 6.
John v. 16.

WHEN Deists send their Books Abroad,
To undermine the CHURCH of GOD :
CHRIST's Soldiers should take DAVID's Sling,
And down such hellish Traitors bring.

Publishing
their vile
Opinions.

Take but the Sword of Faith in Hand,
No Devil can its Force withstand :
Bind fast thy Breast-plate on thy Heart,
Thy Shield will blunt their venom'd Dart.

Psal. xxxv.
xviii. 1, 19, 5,
51.
Eph. vi.

If once with them thou dost engage,
Thou'l quell their Envy, and their Rage :
Their Pride shall feel thy pow'rful Shock,
And drive them from the CHRISTIAN FLOCK.

See Thess. i. 5.

One Triad Stone will quickly wound,
And bring their Carcasses to th' Ground :
Dread not to do the Feat alone,
For GOD will guide both Hand and Stone.

See Sam. xvii.
50, 51.

When this their vile Adherents see,
Their Hell-bred Army soon will flee :
In Haste, they'll quit the CHRISTIAN Shore,
And ne'er defile *CHRIST's* CHURCH no more.

Psal. lxviii. 2.

The

The Just, when they behold their Fall,
Will surely be rejoiced all :
CHRIST's CHURCH will ever shine Abroad,
Adoring their *Tri-unal GOD*.

Pf. lxviii. 1, 2.
Per. 3.

Shall *Hypocrites* who preach'd in *CHURCH*,
Desert their Flock (left in the Lurch)
Continue here ? No, make them fly,
They're scarcely fit to live, or die.

Gal. vi. 6, 7.

A *Thief* I sooner would forgive,
Than any such a Wretch should live :
To wound my Soul, and craze my Brain,
None can restore my Peace again.

See Prov. xviii.
14.

Who e'er sets *Hand* unto the *Plow*,
Revolting, breaks his Sacred Vow :
And he who quits his aiding Shield,
Will surely perish in the Field.

Luke ix. 26.

If I invoke the *FATHER's Name*,
The *SON*, and *SPIRIT* are but the same ;
If I invoke the *Trinity*,
They're but as *ONE*, in *Unity*.

See the Litany,
Per. 5, &c.

Let crafty *Foxes* fly with Shame,
That villify *CHRIST's Sacred Name* :
Transport them to some Heathen Shore,
To *preach* or *pray* in *CHURCH* no more.

Cant. ii. 15.
Luke xiii. 32.

Disputes and Malice soon would cease,
If all would live in *Bonds of Peace* :
Our Lives would now more happy be
If all would live in *Unity*.

Gal. v. 22.
Phil. iv. 5.
Luke i. 29.

SHOULD Thousands up against us rise,
They can't a *CHRISTIAN Flock* surprise :
Such as have God their *GUARDIAN* made,
Shall rest secure beneath His Shade.

Psal. iii. 6.
ix. 13.
Matt. xvi. 18.
Psal. xlvi.
Luke i. 35.

Our CHURCH like Sion's Mount shall stand,
Supported by CHRIST's pow'rful Hand :
He'll keep us from the Fowler's Snare,
And guard us by his watchful Care.

Psal. xxxv.
Psal. xcii.

Tho' Foes against our CHURCH assail,
The Gates of Hell can ne'er prevail :
Our CHURCH is founded on a Rock,
And CHRIST will save His faithful Flock.

Psal. cxxix.
Psal. xviii.

Thro' CHRIST we all supported stand,
The Pow'r of All are in His Hand :
Our only Help, Home and Abroad,
Who dares withstand a pow'rful GOD ?

Psal. cxxi.
Per. 8.

Our great PRESERVER ne'er will sleep,
But will the Faithful guard and keep :
By Night or Day, He'll us defend
Thro' Life, safe to our Journey's End.

Psal. cxxi.
Per. 7, 8.

Let none from CHRIST be vainly driv'n,
Since HE's our Advocate in HEAV'N :
Adopting Spirit, we must allow,
To whom the greatest Prince must bow.

John ii. 2.
xvi. 23.
Gal. iv. 5, 6.

To turn the Wicked from their Way,
Or rid a Lion of his Prey,
Labour is vain; we may forbear
To speak, where they've no Heart to hear.

TRUE SOLDIERS must be on their Guard,
Since CHRIST o'er sees their Watch and Ward :
False Preachers they must soon detect,
Who would deceive CHRIST's own Elect.

Psal. cxxvii.
Rom. ix. 9, 10.
Luke xxiii. 35.

Some into Women's Houses creep,
And cause the Fatherless to weep :
Of Children's Bread they do partake
That Friends each other do forsake.

Psal. xiv. iv.
Prov. xvi. 28.

The

The **SCRIPTURES** were divinely wrote,
SALVATION's *Tidings* therein brought
To cheer Men's Souls, when oversad,
And not, with *Treats*, to drive them mad.

Rom. xv. 4.
1 Tim. i. 4.

Nor should we *Over-righteous* seem,
For, *Hypocrites* have no Esteem:
Nor should **ENTHUSIASTS** boldly say,
All else are damn'd, save only they.

Matt. vi. 2, 7.
5, 16.

Are they not mad, who vainly boast
Themselves *secure*, and others *lost*?
Such scarce can 'scape th' *All-vengeing Rod*,
Who'd take all *Mercy* from our *God*.

See Psal. i. ult.

None should *despair* that *Mercy*'s fled,
Nor let the *Dead inter the Dead*:
Too bold, nor yet too wretched seem,
But, strive to keep the *Golden Mean*.

Phil. iv. 4.

Some use long *Pray'rs*, all to deceive,
Gaining their *Ends*, they quickly leave
Deluded Wretches in the Lurch,
As *Deists* do forsake our **CHURCH**.

Matt. vi. 16.

SUCH as the **LORD** of Life deny,
At the *Last Day*, will surely die
The *Second Death*, whilst they that own'd
His Name, are with **SALVATION** crown'd.

Heb. ix. 27.
Hos. xiii. 14.
1 Pet. v. 4.

How dreadful must be all their *Ends*
Who *separate* the dearest Friends!
Whilst peaceful **CHRISTIANS** 'scape the *Rod*,
And have the *Blessing* of their *God*.

Prov. xvi. 23.

From *Strength* to *Strength*, they still draw near,
'Till They before Their *God* appear:
Faithful'till *Death*, to **HEAV'N** They press,
And gain a *Crown* of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**.

Ps. lxxxiv. 7.
Rev. ii. 10.

Care

Care of good CHRISTIANS CHRIST will take,
And all that suffer'd for His Sake :
If faithful in Him we confide,
Small Failings He will set aside.

Matt. v.
Per. 10, 11.

If we, with Patience run the Race,
Obeying His All-saving GRACE :
He'll be our Safeguard, Night and Day,
And guide us in the righteous Way.

James v. 7, 9.
Heb. ii. 1.
Psal. cxxi.

IN SACRAMENT true CHRISTIANS join,
Partaking of the Bread and Wine ;
In which we shew our LORD's Decree,
Before they nail'd Him to the Tree.

This shews His Death until He comes
To give the World their final Dooms :
To horrid Woe, or endless Bliss ;
On that Great Day, All Pow'r is His.

* Tit. iii. 5.

God knows the Failings of our Youth,
And guides us in the Ways of TRUTH :
His Vengeance is not All-severe,
If 'twas ! who could their Trial bear ?

Psal. xciv.
1 John ii. 1.
Rev. vi. 16, 17.

He's merciful, as well as Great,
To such as do for Mercy treat :
Whene'er He calls, if we obey,
Thro' CHRIST, He'll put our Sins away.

Psal. ciii. 8, 9,
10.
John v. 24.

To die in CHRIST, They rest in peace,
After these worldly Troubles cease :
No Guilt will e'er disturb their Rest,
'Till they are call'd, to be more blest.

Rom. xiv. 25.
viii. 24.

But, how will wretched Sinners die !
Who did CHRIST's Name, and Pow'r defy !
Bereft of Hope ! no Rest they find,
When call'd, more Vengeance lies behind.

Rev. vi. 16.
Matt. ix.

Drunkards,

Drunkards, and Reprobates, profane,
Who took God's sacred NAME in vain:
These wilfully did God offend,
And lose SALVATION in the End.

Matt. xxv. 41.
1 Cor. vi. 9, 10.

When the Day breaks, God's Trump will sound, Cant. iv. 6.
To call the Dead, that laid in Ground: 1 Cor. xv. 53.
Thousands of Angels, in Array, Col. i. 6.
Will usher in that dreadful Day. Eph. i. 21.

Earth's Prisoners then will have release, Col. i. 18. 2 Cor. xv. 52.
To Woe, or everlasting Peace: 1 Cor. xv. 53.
The Trumpet's sound the Earth will shake,
And ev'ry Soul must Trial take.

When Earth and Sea hath all resign'd, Col. i. 18.
Bodies to Souls will then be join'd: 1 Cor. xv. 53.
As both were join'd in worldly State,
They strive in vain to seperate.

The Quick, who ne'er resign'd their Breath, As quick as
Nor felt the bitter Pangs of Death, Lightning,
Must here appear, where e'er they've rang'd, instead of
And, in a Moment, there be chang'd. Death.

When Blessed Souls their Bodies meet, Cant. ii. 10.
In Love, they'll thus each other greet: viii. 15.
Now I have found thee, let us fly,
Rejoin'd, o'er Bether's Mountains high.

CHRIST's Church will to their SAVIOUR say, Cant. ii. 10.
" Arise, my LOVE, and Come away:
All Winter Storms are overgone,
SALVATION's singing Birds are come." Worldly
Troubles.
Hallelujahs.

CHRIST's Prophets will, in Order stand, Matt. xix. 13.
Apostles at their LORD's Command : Rev. xviii. 20.
Martyrs will gloriously appear,
Whilst wicked Deists quake for Fear. John v. 24.

All

All *Bribes* will here be set aside,
All scheming *Knots* will be unty'd :
Beggars and *Kings* will equal be,
Nor can one Soul from *Justice* flee.

Then *Misers* will their *Gold* despise,
And *Letchers* fear to own their *Eyes* :
Liar's will fear to own their *Tongues*,
And *Thieves* their *HANDS*, of Blood and Wrongs.

Go forth, ye cursed, *CHRIST* will say,
To endless Torments, Night and Day,
Which when they've borne Time out of Mind,
For ever will remain behind.

Come forth, ye Blessed, then He cries,
Partake, with ME, e'erlasting Joys :
Ye faithful *Soldiers* were to me,
And ne'er abus'd the *TRINITY*, &c.

THEN *Soldiers*, who have kept the *Faith*,
And ran the *Race*, as Scripture saith,
Will take their *Wages*, in great Store,
Where *Pleasures* dwell for evermore.

Then Holy ! Holy ! Holy ! Lord,
Will flow from ev'ry Heart and Tongue :
Incessant Joys Heav'n will afford
And Praise our blest triennial Song.

— Amen. —

See Te Deum
Laudamus.
Three Hodies
to the Trinity.

F I N I S.



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